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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: Application of Kazuyuki USUKI, Kenichi MORIWAKI, Kazutoshi  
KATAYAMA, and Makoto NAGAO  
MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM INCLUDING A MAGNETIC LAYER  
CONTAINING A NONMAGNETIC OXIDE (AS AMENDED)  
**Assignee: FUJI PHOTO FILM CO., LTD.**  
Our Ref: Q80902

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Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 10/238,601 (Confirmation No. 8651) filed September 11, 2002 of Kazuyuki USUKI, Kenichi MORIWAKI, Kazutoshi KATAYAMA, Makoto NAGAO entitled MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM INCLUDING A MAGNETIC LAYER CONTAINING A NONMAGNETIC OXIDE (AS AMENDED).

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 8 sheets of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 1773.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	2001-279403	September 14, 2001
Japan	2001-288946	September 21, 2001
Japan	2001-288947	September 21, 2001

The priority documents were filed in parent Application No. 10/238,601 on September 11, 2002, and the Examiner has indicated that the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.



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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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